STATEMENT OF REASON TO FINALIZE AN EMERGENCY RULE

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 65

REGULATION TO ADOPT WYOMING'S GRAY WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ADDENDUM: WYOMING GRAY WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN-CLARIFICATION OF THE WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION'S COMMITTMENT TO MANAGE FOR A RECOVERED AND SUSTAINABLE WOLF POPULATION IN WYOMING

An emergency rule for Chapter 65, Regulation To Adopt Wyoming's Gray Wolf Management Plan and Addendum as a rule, was prepared for Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) action and was adopted on September 24, 2014. An emergency regulation was necessary in order to mitigate potential impacts of a recent federal court ruling concerning the status of gray wolves on Wyoming residents and the general public. An emergency rule was put into effect as there was insufficient time to promulgate a final regulation through the regular Administrative Procedures Act public process. The purpose of this rule making is to promulgate the provisions of the emergency rule as a final rule. This regulation will be finalized at the Commission's scheduled meeting on November 13, 2014.